



2/20 BdMtg Item 6
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Deadline: 2/8/07 12pm

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Honorable Tam Doduc
Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Support DWR / SWRCB recommendation for additional Prop 50, Chapter 8 funding

Dear Ms. Doduc,

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Sincerely,

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